

## ***General Information***

**1. I affirm that this research involves no more than minimal risk.**

Yes

**2. Project Title**

The Lived Experience of Males During the Early Post-Abortion Period: A Qualitative Hermeneutical Phenomenological Inquiry

**3. Proposed Start Date of Participant Recruitment**

2026-02-23

**4. Proposed End Date of Data Collection**

2026-03-31

**5. Is this student research?**

Yes

**6. Type of Project**

**7. Type of Student Project**

["Thesis/Dissertation"]

**8. Name of Reader/Advisor for this Research**

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**16. Is there an additional researcher to report?**

No

**17. Additional Researcher Name**

**18. Additional Researcher Phone Number**

**19. Additional Researcher Email**

**20. Is there an additional researcher to report?**

**21. Additional Researcher Name**

**22. Additional Researcher Phone Number**

**23. Additional Researcher Email**

**24. Is there an additional researcher to report?**

**25. Additional Researcher Name**

**26. Additional Researcher Phone Number**

**27. Additional Researcher Email**

**28. Is your research project receiving any funding?**

No

**29. This project entails:**

["Interviews"]

**30. Have you worked with someone from the Office of Institutional Research concerning this project?**

No

**31. Provide a brief summary of the proposed research describing the rationale for the proposed research.**

While there are numerous studies regarding the effects of pregnancy loss on women, there are very few that examine how it affects the male partner. There also is a dismissive attitude towards existing research surrounding men and abortion due to the sociopolitical positioning of said research. The purpose of this study will be to expand the current body of literature regarding the male partner's experience following an abortion with the goal of aiding mental health professionals and others who serve this population to be able to do so more effectively. Additionally, this research will help post-abortion males to create meaning of their present life experience and manage any existing life disruptions that may be related to their abortion experience.

***Participants***

**32. Describe the general demographic information regarding the target sample to be studied in terms of significant characteristics and size.**

The target sample will be males over the age of 18 whose shared pregnancy ended in an abortion after ~~June 22, 2024~~. These males must not identify as Christian (e.g., Protestant, Evangelical, or Catholic). I will be seeking 6-10 participants for the study. This date has been amended to June 24, 2022.

**33. How will participants be recruited to your study? Please attach any materials used for recruitment (e.g., advertisements, email/verbal scripts, graphics, invitation letters, etc.)**

Participants will be recruited through both purposive and convenience sampling. For purposive sampling, the researcher plans to contact local abortion providers and present the research proposal to them with the request that they pass the study proposal and recruitment contact information to clients and their partners who have experienced an abortion since Dobbs. Any needed convenience sampling will be done at local, urban, undergraduate colleges and universities by posting recruitment fliers in public student-use areas. Participants may also be recruited through submission of an interest form housed at <https://post-abortion-men.com>. This website link will be shared with clinicians and via social media postings on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and Reddit.

**34. Will participants be compensated for participating? If yes, describe how.**

Participants will be compensated for their interview time with a \$25 Amazon e-Gift card.

***Data***

**35. How will you gather data from participants? Describe any instruments such as surveys, questionnaires, interviews, video/audio recordings, field notes, etc. Provide a brief description of the instruments and include these document in the appendix.**

This research will gather data through 30–60-minute semi-structured interviews conducted by the researcher via HIPAA-compliant Zoom meetings.

**36. Please describe the plan for data storage. This includes electronic data, traditional paper measures, audio/videos.**

All data – interview recordings, Zoom-generated transcripts, and final transcripts - will be downloaded to the researcher's personal computer and stored in an

encrypted, DMG file created by the MacOS Disk Utility software. All cloud-stored recordings and transcripts will be deleted following download.

**37. What will be done with the data after the study is complete? This includes all forms of data. Personally identifiable information such as names will be replaced with pseudonyms during the interview transcription process. De-identified data will be stored in encrypted folders on the researcher's computer for 5 years following publication of the study results. After that, it will be permanently deleted. Consent forms will be securely stored with data as described above and will be deleted**

**38. Please describe your plan for the dissemination of the results.**

Study results will be disseminated via publication of the full dissertation. The full dissertation and summary results will be offered to research participants. Additionally, study results with recommended actions will be made available to clinicians, pregnancy support agencies, and ministry organizations such as Care Net.

**39. Please type your full name.** *\*by typing your name, you are signing this application and attesting to the validity and approval from all parties represented.\**

*Shawn Trueman*